

PATENT APPLN. NO. 10/552,616
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REMARKS

Withdrawn claims have been canceled. Claim 4 has been limited to a motor vehicle having reduced kinetic friction when moving in air. This limitation is believed to be supported by the limitation previously recited in claim 4 of the body having reduced kinetic friction when in contact with air, gas or a liquid, being selected from automobiles and motor cycles.

Claim 4 has been further amended to define said motor vehicle as having a largest cross-section that forms a plane that offers the greatest resistance to forward motion of the motor vehicle in air, wherein sunken or raised patterns are provided only on surfaces of said motor vehicle forward of said largest cross-section. This limitation is believed to find proper descriptive support in the four corners of the specification, including the description on page 2, lines 19 to 23, and the drawings; particularly, Fig. 5.

New claims 12 and 13 have been added to the application and, respectively, limit the sunken or raised patterns provided on the surfaces to pit-like profiles each in the form of a spherical calotte and limit the motor vehicle to a motor cycle.

The claims as amended are believed to avoid the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection of claim 4 as being indefinite.

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The claims as amended are also believed to be patentable over the prior art cited in the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejections. Neither of the references cited in these rejections, i.e., Yee or Kobayashi, discloses a motor vehicle in which sunken or raised patterns are provided only on surfaces forward of a largest cross-section of a motor vehicle that forms a plane that offers the greatest resistance to forward motion of the motor vehicle in air.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2010.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension and any additional required fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 111833.

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